

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 986

By Gillespie

A RESOLUTION to commend A. Keith McDonald for his
honorable and astute service to the people of
Tennessee as mayor of the City of Bartlett.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, A. Keith McDonald of Bartlett is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a longtime public servant, Mr. McDonald has served as mayor of the City of Bartlett since January 1, 2003, and will soon be taking his much-deserved retirement, ending his illustrious service as a public official; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Keith McDonald began his public service to the City of Bartlett as an alderman in October 1997, when he was appointed to represent Position 4; he subsequently won election to that office in November 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mayor McDonald has rendered sterling service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League, the National League of Cities, and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, a past president of the West Tennessee Mayor's Association, a past chairman of the Bartlett Industrial Development Board, a former member of the First Tier Suburbs Council Committee of the National League of Cities, and a former vice chairman of the MPO Transportation Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, a co-founder of Leadership Bartlett, Mayor McDonald is a past member of Bartlett Station Central Business Improvement District Board, a former chairman of the Local Government Planning Advisory Committee, a past president of the Alumni Association of Freed-

Hardeman University, a past president of the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce, and a former delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mayor McDonald was named Mayor of the Year in 2012 by the Tennessee Municipal League and winner of the *Bartlett Express* Readers' Choice Award for Man of the Year in 2004 and 2008, the *Commercial Appeal* Memphis Most Awards "Most Beloved Leader" in 2007, and the Rotary Club of Memphis East's Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Clarksville High School, Keith McDonald attended Freed-Hardeman College and the University of Memphis and is a graduate of several insurance education programs; and

WHEREAS, a retired businessman, Mayor McDonald was the founder of McDonald Insurance and Financial Services, which he owned and operated for thirty-two years, having enjoyed a highly successful thirty-five years in the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mayor Bartlett was a member of the original Bartlett Stage Coach Days, a former co-treasurer of the PTA boards at Oak Elementary and Appling Middle School, the founder of Cub Scout Pack 261 and Boy Scout Troop 261, and a coach for a number of youth athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as mayor of Bartlett, Keith McDonald distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Keith McDonald is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty years, Patricia; their sons and daughters-in-law, Ryan (Cari Viar) McDonald and Brooks (Cari Beth Blair) McDonald; and their grandchildren, Dylan, Connor, Brody, and Blair; and

WHEREAS, Keith McDonald is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend A. Keith McDonald for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as mayor of the City of Bartlett and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.